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R 241135Z MAY 78 FM AMEMBASSY KABUL TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8202 INFO USMISSION GENEVA AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD AMEMBASSY MANILA AMEMBASSY PARIS AMEMBASSY TEHRAN USUN NEW YORK 773

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGE: SNAR, AF, UN
SUBJECT: AFGHAN INTERIOR MINISTER DECLARES HIS OPPOSITION TO
NARCOTICS TRAFFIC

MANILA: FOR USADB PARIS: FOR DEA

- 1. DURING MY INITIAL CALL ON INTERIOR MINISTER NOOR AHMAD NOOR ON MAY 23, I RAISED THE TOPIC OF NARCOTICS CONTROLS, AFFIRMING THAT IT WAS OUR INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT UN PROGRAMS IN THIS FIELD.
- 2. NOOR APPEARED PLEASED TO HEAR THIS, AND REQUESTED SPECIFICALLY THAT WE CONTINUE TO ASSIST THE UN IN THE CROP REPLACEMENT AREA. HE BLAMED THE CORRUPTION OF THE PREVIOUS REGIME FOR THE LACK OF MEANINGFUL ACTION AGAINST THIS "SCOURGE" BEFORE THE REVOLUTION, AND

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DECLARED EMPHATICALLY THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO SEE ANY AFGHAN OPIUM REACHING AMERICAN YOUTHS. WHEN I ADDED THAT SUCH TRAFFIC COULD WELL ATTRACT THE MAFIA AND OTHER CRIMINAL ELEMENTS TO AFGHANISTAN, NOOR APPEARED

SOBERLY DETERMINED TO PREVENT THIS.

3. COMMENT: NOOR APPEARS TO BE SINCERELY COMMITTED TO MEANINGFUL ANTI-OPIUM ACTION. ELIOT

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